**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION No. 2858-2021 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**December 2021:**

**“Ms P Madokwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

1. In view of a possible lockdown looming, which may lead to the creative industry having to stop events and performances, and in light of the funding crisis where the National Arts Council and its board members are alleged to have mismanaged funds meant for artists, what support can artists expect from his department when the Republic is placed under hard lockdown;
2. whether the envisaged support will cater for all artists; if not, why not; if so, what measures has his department put in place to avoid a repeat of the situation where only a few artists received the support from his department during the initial hard lockdown? **NW3378E**

**REPLY**

It is not possible to respond to speculative circumstances that may never be realised as assumed in the question. For example, even if there was to be any level of lockdown, such can never occur under similar conditions to the past considering number of persons vaccinated.